

Memories of the Lehi Fourth Ward

Condensed from the Oral Histories of Stan Russon

There was one ward in Lehi from 1850 until 1903. Then it was divided into four. The first one was in lower Lehi, the second was here in the middle of Lehi, the third was way out on the west of Lehi, the fourth the northeast.

At first they met in a bank building down in town while a chapel was being built. It took quite a few years to get this thing done. The first thing I remember about the ward is that we had a chapel that was upstairs and in the basement was one big room. We would pull drapes to create classrooms within the one big room. When there was a dance or a program they would pull all of the drapes back leaving a big enough space to have a nice activity.

Things were different in those days. Priesthood meeting would be about 9 o'clock. That gave the farmers time to get the cows milked and the chores done (let's realize that most all in

the ward were farmers. Our meetings had to revolve somewhat around necessary work). Then at 10 o'clock there was Sunday School.

Once a month after Sunday School, would be Fast meeting. All of the other Sundays, Sacrament Meeting would be at 7:30 at night. That would give the farmers time to get the cows milked before going to church. That was pretty much the schedule.

Youth activities like primary and the MIA would take place on Tuesday—Primary just after school, the youth activities in the evenings. The Relief Society would be on a weekday.